

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Graham ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graham ISD was held Wednesday October 8, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the GRAHAM LEARNING CENTER, 701 TENNESSEE STREET, GRAHAM, TX 76450. President, Chris Blanton, called the meeting to order, announced the meeting had been duly called and posted in the time and manner as required by law, and announced a quorum of Board Members.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Lauren Mahaney, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus, John Brown and Jason Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Mary Johnston, Gary Browning, Dr. Janel Madeley, Robert Loomis, Joe Gordy, Adam Anderson, Audra Barrett, Jamie West, Misti Thompson, Donna Gatlin, Josh Kidd, Necia Marin

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Suzie Wilson, Graham FFA Public Relations and AG Issues Students

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one requested to address the Board during Open Forum.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

- GHS FFA Public Relations Team and AG Issues Team Presentation

The GHS FFA Leadership Development Event Teams made 2 group presentations to the Board of Trustees.

Public Relations Team: McCrae Marin, Hadley Trammell, Emerson Taylor, and Maddison Erwin.

Agricultural Issues Team: Neveah Shough, Makenzie Vacante, Baylee Aaron, and Ariel Tucker.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- National Principal's Month
- Enrollment Update
- Signing bonus check deliveries
- Custodian Appreciation Day
- Curriculum Nights Across the District
- Congratulations to Graham Junior High for receiving two campus distinctions
- Congratulations to Graham High for receiving three campus distinctions
- Congratulations to Tennis on an excellent fall season
- Junior Honor Society Inductees
- Junior High Pom: First Year
- Thank you to GPEF and Graham savings- Check from GPEF \$130,513.40 and Check from Graham Savings \$5,365.30.
- Professional Learning Updates
 - ❖ Teachers have provided feedback that they would like to receive Professional Learning and time on their campus for planning implementation.
 - ❖ October 10 & November 14
- Silver Steers & Lady Blues Club:
 - ❖ For community members 65+: First Meeting is Thursday, October 16 at 9:00-10:30a.m. at the Graham Learning Center.
- Special Programs
 - ❖ G.R.I.T Event
- Adding Opportunity for SAT in the Spring for Juniors

- Finance Project- Coming Soon Dollar & Sense
- teleGRAHAM Newsletter

STUDENT SERVICES

I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GUARDIAN LIST UPDATED OCTOBER 2025

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the Guardian List Updated October 2025. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

II. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC REVISION 2025-2026 GRAHAM ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the specific revision 2025-2026 Graham ISD Student Code of Conduct. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING SENATE BILL 12 AND PARENT RIGHTS

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates , seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of a Board Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

FINANCE

I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF YOUNG COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Kristina Pettus, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval to Nominate Mr. Z.T. Burkett as the representative for Graham ISD and Mr. Ben Wilson as the representative for NCTC for the Young Central Appraisal District to be placed on the ballot for election to the Young County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

II. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT TO CHANGE THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2026**

Dr. David Faltys with Government Capital Securities shared a presentation with the Board of Trustees regarding changes to a Fiscal Year.

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 7 to 0 for the Approval of the District to Change the Next Fiscal Year to begin July 1, 2026. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Lauren Mahaney, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

III. **Review Proposed Comprehensive Facilities Assessment and Long Range Facility Planning Process**

Beverly Fornof and Susan Smith, Corgan Architects, provided a presentation to the Board that will outline the Proposed Comprehensive Facilities Assessment and Long Range Facility Planning Process as well as the details that will be provided in the resulting report.

IV. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES ASSESSMENT STUDY AND LONG RANGE FACILITY PLANNING CONTRACT WITH CORGAN ARCHITECTS AND EMA**

A motion by Brandon Joy, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of Comprehensive Facilities Assessment Study and Long Range Facility Planning Contract with Corgan Architects and EMA. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

* Lauren Mahaney exited the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

I. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CREATION OF A FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE LONG RANGE FACILITY PLAN**

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of Creation of a Comprehensive Facilities Planning Committee to Include Long Range Facility Plan. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

II. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT CONTRACT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Brandon Joy, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of the Facility Planning Engagement and Communications Support Contract. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

HUMAN RESOURCES

I. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC) MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion by Dr. Brandon Bates, seconded by Jason Smith, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Membership for the 2025-2026 School Year. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

II. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE A PROCESS TO ALLOW SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATORS TO ENGAGE IN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

A motion by Brandon Joy, seconded by Kristina Pettus, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval for Administration to Create a Process to allow Specific Administrators to Engage in Outside Employment. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Minutes of Regular Session held on September 10, 2025
- II. Financial Information
 - A. Cash & Investment Report
 - B. Enrollment Report
 - C. District Financial Summary Report

A motion by John Brown, seconded by Dr. Brandon Bates, carried 6 to 0 for the Approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:12 p.m. under the Texas Government Codes 555.072, 551.076, and 551.074. The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

Closed Session: Under the authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, the Board will enter into closed or Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property Gov't Code 555.072, Deployment or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices Gov't Code 551.076, and Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071

Reconvene in Open Session to take any necessary action on items discussed in Closed Session to discuss Employment, Retirement, Resignation & Discussion of Personnel, Gov't Code 551.074 and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Gov't Code 555.072 or Specific Occasions for Implementation of Security Personnel or Devices, Gov't Code 551.076, Consultation with Attorney Gov't Code 551.071

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Personnel Report

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Kristina Pettus, seconded by Jason Smith , carried 6 to 0 to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with John Brown, Dr. Brandon Bates, Chris Blanton, Jason Smith, Brandon Joy, Kristina Pettus voting in favor.

APPROVED

Chris Blanton, President
Board of Trustees
Graham Independent School District

Dr. Brandon Bates, Secretary
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